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REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 11-16 and the allowability of claims 3, 5-7, 9 and 10. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 6. Claim 6 has been canceled due to the incorporation of the subject matter thereof into claim 1.

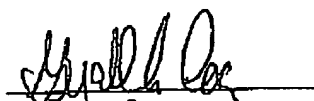
The rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Quigley (US 5,324,248) is respectfully traversed.

In view of the amendment of claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 6, this rejection is deemed improper and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are courteously solicited.

A response to the Office Action mailed October 15, 2004 was due January 15, 2005. Accordingly, submitted herewith is a petition for an extension of time for three (3) months. Please charge fees/surcharge which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-2440.

Respectfully submitted,



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